

cheaply overseas. Congress willing, the task force is likely to recommend that change.

The high-profile attention from the top is "raising this issue in ways that leaders [of afflicted nations] can't ignore it," one White House official said. Richard C. Holbrooke, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, used his rotation as Security Council president in January to declare a month on Africa. He made AIDS the subject of the first Security Council meeting of 2000 and invited Gore to speak. When Clinton traveled to India in March, he successfully pressed the government to issue a joint declaration on AIDS.

Pervading the recent U.S. effort is a strong sense among participants of time misspent. The virulence of the pandemic are accurately foreseen, and "the United States didn't exactly cover itself with glory," said one close adviser to Clinton.

"We saw it coming, and we didn't act as quickly as we could have," said Helene D. Gayle, a physician who directs AIDS prevention at the CDC. "I'm not sure what that says about how seriously we took it, how seriously we took lives in Africa."

Peter Piot, a virologist who heads the United Nations AIDS efforts in Geneva, said "the good news is that the U.S. government is mobilizing. The bad news is that it took so long. This is not a catastrophe that came out of the blue. It has been clearly coming for at least 10 years."

Asked about those comments, Thurman looked pained.

"Oh yeah," she said softly. "It's very late. But better late than never. You rarely ever get a second chance in an epidemic."

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIE DENT FOR SERVICE TO THE BUSHWICK COMMUNITY

HON. NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2000

Ms. VELAZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Ms. Julie Dent and honor her for her commitment and service to the children and families of the Audrey Johnson Day Care Center in Bushwick, New York.

President John F. Kennedy once said "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." Ms. Dent, who was recently honored by the Friends of Edward Norman with a Community Service award, has always worked to address the cognitive, social, physical and emotional needs of children.

Before becoming Educational Director at Audrey Johnson Day Care Center, Ms. Dent served as an Administrative Director and teacher at the Horace E. Green Day Care Center for a number of years.

Her community involvement includes serving as Second Vice Chair for Community Board #4, Chair of the Youth and Education Committee for the Board, is an active member of the Woodhull Hospital Comm. Advisory Board and Second Vice Chair of the Bushwick Geographic Targeting Task Force.

Ms. Dent's additional honors include, The Professional Association of Day Care Directors Inc., Service awards from Mayor Giuliani, Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden, City Council, Honorable Victor Robles and Honorable Martin Dillan, State Legislature Honorable Vito Lopez, Honorable Darryl Towns and Honorable Ada Smith.

I honor Julie Dent today for her continued commitment to education and for her ongoing service to the families and children of our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2000

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, on March 21, 2000 I was unable to be present in this chamber when the following votes were called: rollcall vote 56, rollcall vote 57 and rollcall vote 58. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on each of these rollcall votes I missed. I also missed rollcall vote 61 and had I been present, I would have voted "no".

On the week of April 10, I was unable to be present in this chamber when the following votes were called: rollcall vote 111, rollcall vote 112, rollcall votes 113 and 114. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on each of these rollcall votes I missed. During the same week, I also missed rollcall vote 130 and had I been present, I would have voted "no".

IN HONOR OF THE LEXINGTON DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF MANHAT- TAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Lexington Democratic Club, a very special and important democratic organization in the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Over the fifty-one years of the club's existence, Mr. Speaker, the members of the Lexington Democratic Club have forged a more democratic, more inclusive form of civic participation in New York City.

The "Lex Club" was the first Reform Club in Manhattan. Driven by the belief that openness and public deliberation are the key ingredients for a healthy democracy, the Lexington Democratic Club blazed a trail for opponents of top-down, closed-door decision making in the political process. Decisions at the Club are made at open meetings of the membership and patronage positions have been replaced with merit-based nomination systems.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the Lexington Democratic Club led the way in reforming the system for judicial appointments in New York. The Club spearheaded the creation of a system where independent experts screen applicants and recommend three candidates to the club for every open judicial seat. The Club then endorses a final candidate through open meetings.

The Lexington Democratic Club has been graced with dynamic leaders since its inception. Jack Baltzell and Alice Sachs were the very first Reform District Leaders in the city and they helped make the reform movement a major political force in New York.

Ken Mills, the current President of the Lex Club, has increased membership in the club,

tripled its financial resources, and managed the club's monthly newsletter. More importantly, Mr. Mills has led the club's major civic efforts—including the successful election of candidates and the mobilization of major tenant protests against plans to abolish the city's rent control laws. In short, Ken Mills, aided by Niki Stern, the club's Executive Vice President, and all the club's members, has revitalized the Lex Club and returned it to its place as one of the most prestigious civic organizations in the city.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the Lexington Democratic Club of Manhattan and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing the great contributions of the club's membership to the New York community and to our democracy.

RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE SECOND NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERNET AWARDS, HELD APRIL 20, 2000

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2000

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, whereas the Internet has and will continue to play an instrumental role in improving the quality of life for citizens of New Hampshire and the Nation generally;

Whereas educational opportunity abounds for New Hampshire students, formal and lifelong, due to the global nature of the medium;

Whereas New Hampshire's economy has grown substantially because of its attractiveness to high technology entrepreneurs and innovators;

Whereas the Internet has dramatically improved access to New Hampshire's government services and elected officials;

Whereas the Internet has provided individuals with an unparalleled resource for information, goods, and services;

Whereas New Hampshire residents are among the leaders nationally in rates of computer use and Internet access;

Therefore, be it proclaimed to my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives that the following were recognized and applauded at the Second New Hampshire Internet Awards, held April 20, 2000:

Best E-Commerce Site 1st place—Kitchen Etc. (www.kitchenetc.com) 2nd place—PC Connection (www.pcconnection.com) 3rd place—Navtronics (www.navtronics.com).

Best Site for Kids 1st place—The Amazing Adventure Series (www.amazingadventure.com) 2nd place—The NHPTV Knowledge Network (www.nhptv.org/kn).

Coollest School Web Site 1st place—Bristol Elementary School (www.newfound.k12.nh.us/bes/home.htm) 2nd place—Dover School District (www.dover.k12.nh.us) 3rd place—Bishop Guertin High School (www.bghs.org).

Webster Public Service Award 1st place—Moose Country Press (www.mtmoosilauke.com) 2nd place—Lane Memorial Library (www.hampton.lib.nh.us) 3rd place—New Hampshire Writers' Project (www.orbit.unh.edu/nhwp).

Best Weird Site 1st place—UFO Sightings Over New England (www.geocities.com/)

area51/nova/8874) 2nd place—Mind Mined (www.mindmined.com) 3rd place—Gypsy Mechanics (www.gypsymechanics.com).

Internet Achievement Award 1st place—David Mendelsohn (www.davidm.com) 2nd place—NH Birdsnest (www.geocities.com/nhbirdsnest) 3rd place—CU-SeeMe World (www.cuseemeworld.com).

Best Design 1st place—Flywire (www.flywire.com) 2nd place—Brown & Company (www.browndesign.com) 3rd place—Gypsy Mechanics (www.gypsymechanics.com).

Best Media Site 1st place—Keene Sentinel (www.sentinelsource.com) 2nd place—Concord Monitor (www.concordmonitor.com) 3rd place—Moose Country Press (www.mtmoosilauke.com).

Best Municipal Site 1st place—Town of Rindge (www.town.rindge.nh.us) 2nd place—Town of Peterborough (www.townofpeterborough.com) 3rd place—Peterborough Town Library (www.townofpeterborough.com/library).

Best Site For Visitors 1st place—Sunapee Vacations (www.sunapeevacations.com) 2nd place—Seacoast NH.com (www.seacoastnh.com) 3rd place—Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce (www.watervillevalleyregion.com).

Best Cyber-Entrepreneur 1st place—Advanced Lock Company (www.advancelockcompany.com) 2nd place—Crate Works (www.crateworks.com) 3rd place—Parent's Helper, Inc. (www.childsafety.com).

Best Corporate Site 1st place—Franklin Savings Bank (www.fsbnh.com) 2nd place—Brown & Company (www.browndesign.com) 3rd place—West Cheshire Medical Center (www.cheshire-med.com).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2000

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent for two recorded votes on May 3, 2000. Both were conducted under suspension of the rules. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

H.R. 4055, Vote No. 140, "yea"; H.R. 1901, Vote No. 141, "yea".

RECOGNIZING THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. ROBERT C. CORLEY

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2000

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I hope the House will join me in recognizing and applauding the achievements of Dr. Robert C. Corley of the Air Force Research Laboratory as he prepares to retire June 2nd as Senior Scientist for rocket propulsion in the Propulsion Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory at Edwards Air Force Base. As we assess the role the Air Force has played in this nation's security during the last 40 years, it is clear that

Bob Corley's contributions to defense technologies have been significant.

Dr. Corley is recognized as one of the world's foremost experts on missile propulsion technologies. His research skills helped produce the extremely dependable solid fuel propellants that are used in almost all American tactical and ballistic weapons systems. His work also promoted our space program through booster systems development. The dependability of those systems is in large measure the result of his efforts.

In addition to research, Bob Corley has managed propulsion research projects. He coordinated international research projects involving university and government researchers across the globe. More recently, he has been the founder of the current Integrated High Payoff Rocket Propulsion Technology (IHPRPT) program. The latter program is a joint project coordinating efforts by the Department of Defense, NASA and private industry to develop new, dependable propulsion technologies for the 21st Century. They have already begun producing better launch systems for military and civilian programs, and the coordination of government and private efforts under the structure Dr. Corley established will continue to be of benefit well into this century.

From the time he arrived at Edwards Air Force Base in 1958 as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force right through his retirement as one of the most senior research managers in federal service, Bob Corley has worked on tough projects vital to this nation's security and scientific advancement. The executive branch recognizes his contribution. He has been named as a recipient of the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award. I join his colleagues in recognizing the value of his work and wish him a well deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHESTER A. SADOWSKI: SBA'S 2000 FINANCIAL ADVOCATE

HON. NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2000

Ms. VELAZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chet Sadowski for his appointment as the Small Business Administration's 2000 Financial Advocate.

President John F. Kennedy once said "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." Mr. Sadowski has exemplified great leadership and has had a life-long career assisting the small business community and aiding in its growth of 7A and 504 loans.

Mr. Sadowski's distinguished career began in 1972 as an SBA Loan Officer. By the time he left in early 1980, he held the position of Chief of Finance and was responsible for the overall processing and approval of all SBA lending for the New York District Office. In March of 1980, Mr. Sadowski joined Citibank, NA as Manager where he developed an SBA lending program based in Queens County. Within several years, he became Vice President and Team Leader.

In 1987, Mr. Sadowski joined the New York Business Development Corporation to establish and manage a New York City regional office. This office was part of NYBDC's program to increase lending activity throughout the

State of New York. Within a few years, the New York regional office and the company grew dramatically.

This past fiscal year, the New York office was ranked high among lenders in both the 7A and 504 SBA lending programs.

Mr. Sadowski and I worked together traveling throughout the 12th Congressional District discussing economic development. His commitment to small businesses has provided financing for hundreds of jobs in our community.

I would like to honor Chet Sadowski today, congratulate him on his appointment as SBA's Financial Advocate and personally thank him for his hard work and dedication to the small business community.

THE ADLER PLANETARIUM CELEBRATES ITS 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2000

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize one of Chicago's premier cultural institutions, the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, as it celebrates its 70th birthday on May 12, 2000. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of J. Douglas Donenfeld, a member of the Adler Board of Trustees for nearly 21 years and Chairman of the Board for nine years, as he steps down as Chairman.

Located on Chicago's stunning lakefront, the Adler was founded in 1930 by Sears executive Max Adler to showcase leading planetarium technology and to serve as a center for the study of the evolving human conception of the Universe.

When the Adler opened its doors to the public on May 12, 1930, it was the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. Seventy years later, more than 20 million people have visited the Adler to see sky shows, enjoy exhibits, find answers and craft new questions. The Adler has fulfilled Max Adler's mission by becoming one of the world's premier planetaria and astronomy museums.

Today, the Adler continues to grow and remain on the cutting edge of technology. Last year, the Adler celebrated the completion of its new Sky Pavilion and the complete renovation of the original building, a project which doubled the Adler's exhibit space. The architecturally striking Sky Pavilion is a two-story, 60,000-square-foot addition on the east side of the Adler's existing 1930 landmark structure. This facility comprises four major exhibition galleries, including the world's first StarRider Theater, a 3-D interactive virtual reality experience that transports audiences to other planets, stars and distant galaxies.

Doug Donenfeld has been a leading force in the growth of numerous Chicago-area charitable, cultural and other not-for-profit organizations for more than 20 years. The Adler has been extremely fortunate to have him on their board. His contributions to the success of the Adler and its recent rejuvenation has been unparalleled. Mr. Donenfeld's dedication and efforts on behalf of the Adler have enhanced Max Adler's original vision of the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum.